Singhoke-Chaharpur and Hindi-Aulakh-Dagtoot Complexes of the 'Dhusi' bund on the Indian side have been noticed mostly since 1982-83. Protest have been lodged with Pakistan from time to time under the Indus Waters Treaty. Counter-protective measures have been taken by the Government of Punjab from time to time and 'abadis' and agricultural lands on our side were saved from adverse effects of works taken up by Pakistan. A team from the Centre inspected some of the reaches of river Ravi in February, 1990, reviewed the field situation and made some recommendations to the Government of Punjab. The Central Government has provided an assistance of Rs. 1705 lakhs to the Government of Punjab since 1983 for such Works.

Repealing of obsolete laws

1875. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to repeal all the existing laws which have become outdated and redundant ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to appoint a committee for this purpose ; if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) and (b) A systematic study of all existing laws is done by Government continuously and legislation is undertaken periodically by which enactments which have ceased to be inforce or have become obsolete or retention whereof as separate Acts is unnecessary, are repealed by enacting repealing and amending Acts. So far, seven such repealing and amending legislation have been enacted by Parliament in the years 1952, 1957, 1960, 1964, 1974, 1978 and 1988. Hence the Government does not propose to appoint a committee for this purpose.

Representation from Indian Foundry Association for reduction of import duty on pig Iron

1876. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Indian Foundry Association to reduce the import duty on pig iron so that landed price is close to the price of Steel Authority of India Ltd. : and

(b) whether they have also demanded for the canalisation of the import of pig iron through Steel Authority of India Limited to feed small scale sector units ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Import of natural rubber

1877. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of natural rubber imported during each year from 1985 to 1990 ; and

(b) the quantity of natural rubber proposed to be imported during 1990-91 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN) : (a) The details of the natural rubber imported from 1985-